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Attorney Docket No. 5550-31

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application for:

First Named Inventor: ALEX TZANNES

Art Unit: 2624

Appln. No.: 10/611,950

Examiner: ROSARIO, D.

For: ITERATIVE COMPRESSION PARAMETER
CONTROL TECHNIQUES FOR IMAGES

Confirmation No.: 5413

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of August 14, 2007, reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully repeat their assertion that claims 73-91 are in full compliance with all aspects of 35 U.S.C. § 101. Should the examiner believe the claims are not in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101, the Examiner is respectfully requested to elaborate why with reference to the Utility Guidelines. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus hereby requested.

The independent Claims recite that the one or more parameters are iteratively adapted and that they include at least one truncation parameter.

Neither Lubin nor Mukherjee teach, suggest or disclose this feature.

The Final Office Action asserts that:

Lubin discloses one or more parameters ("parameters" in col. 9, line 3) are iteratively adapted ("iterative... adaption" in col. 9, lines 1-3) and they include at least one truncation parameter ("reduce the ... error" in col. 9, line 3). Thus, the parameters are adaptively iterated to reduce errors; and

Mukherjee discloses one or more parameters (or target block size in fig. 2S1 as determined upon the output of fig. 1, num. 21) are iteratively adapted (in fig. 2:S2